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LETTER DATED 26 MAY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AFGHANISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the joint declaration of Imam Ali Rahmanov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, and Sayed Abdullah Nouri, Chairman of the Islamic Revival Movement of Tajikistan, issued at Kabul, Afghanistan, on 19 May 1995.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ravan FARHADI
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Annex

Joint Declaration by the President of Tajikistan and the Chairman of the Islamic Revival Movement of Tajikistan dated 19 May 1995

We:

Imam Ali Rahmanov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, and Sayed Abdullah Nouri, Chairman (Rayis) of the Islamic Revival Movement of Tajikistan (Herakat-e Nahdat-e Islami Tajikistan),

Considering the high interests of the Tajik people and of our long-suffering country, aiming at establishing peace and tranquillity in Tajikistan and preparing suitable conditions for development and prosperity in Tajikistan, we have been meeting from 17 to 19 May 1995 at Kabul, Afghanistan.

We jointly worked to evaluate broadly and deeply the major aspects of the problems the Tajiks are facing. The exchange of views took place in an atmosphere of sincerity and in an outspoken way. This was required because the solution to the problems is firmly linked to the destiny and the interests of the entire Tajik people and of the countries of the region.

In the course of the meeting, both sides pledged their readiness for a solution to the main problems of the country, including the necessity to terminate the endless discords prevailing among the Tajiks and to secure their complete understanding and agreement on a cease-fire, three months for the time being, the return of the refugees to their places of origin and complete stability of the situation in Tajikistan.

We consider that the convening of this meeting has been highly useful. the result of this meeting will be proclaimed and discussed in detail at the fourth inter-Tajik round of negotiations.

On this occasion we have to declare outrightly and openly in a realistic way that there is still disagreement between us over some basic issues. We have committed ourselves to continue our search for a solution to the problems which are destiny-making for Tajikistan. Our plenipotentiary representatives will continue their negotiation on the matter.

We consider as highly useful the agreements and commitment which we have reached on holding subsequent talks. But the real importance of what we have agreed upon lies in the practical steps to be taken for the implementation of these agreements. For this purpose both sides should work hard.

In this regard we declare that the Tajik, parties would spare no effort for the settlement of their problems through political means and dialogue which could pave the way for a lasting peace in our homeland.

We declare this commitment with a full sense of responsibility before our people and the peoples of the region. The Tajik people are waiting impatiently

for the positive outcome of the present negotiations. The neighbouring countries and the world are looking forward to that in the same manner.

We are also encouraged to see the sense of responsibility set forth by all observer States in this context. Availing ourselves of this opportunity, we express our appreciation to the United Nations and neighbouring and observer States involved in seeking a solution to the issue of Tajikistan. Undoubtedly, with their cooperation and support, the achievements of the Kabul meeting would bring about fruitful results.

We extend our sincere gratitude to His Excellency Professor Burhanuddin Rabbani, President of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, for his help in making arrangements for the meeting, for his hospitality and for bringing about a favourable climate of work to the parties.